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COME AND
GET ME, IF
YOU CAN!

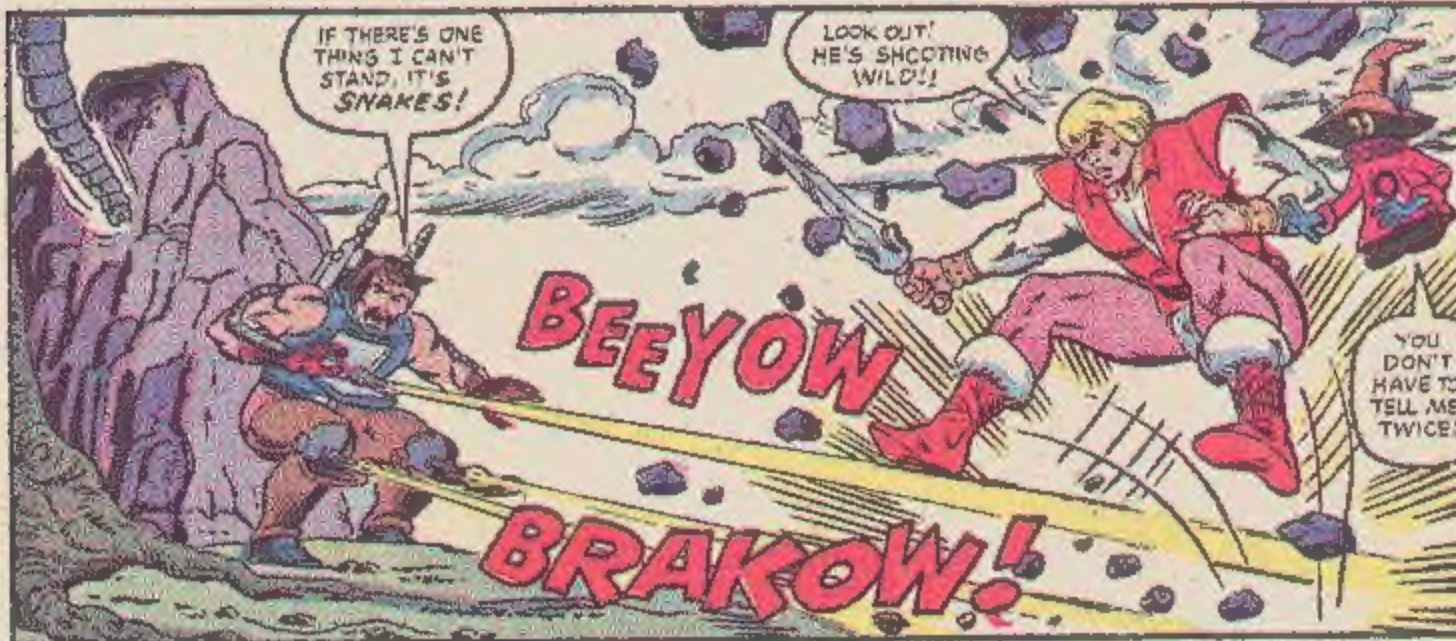
JUST
HOLD STILL
FOR A MINUTE,
AND THIS
LITTLE CONTEST
WILL SHOW ME
VICTORIOUS!

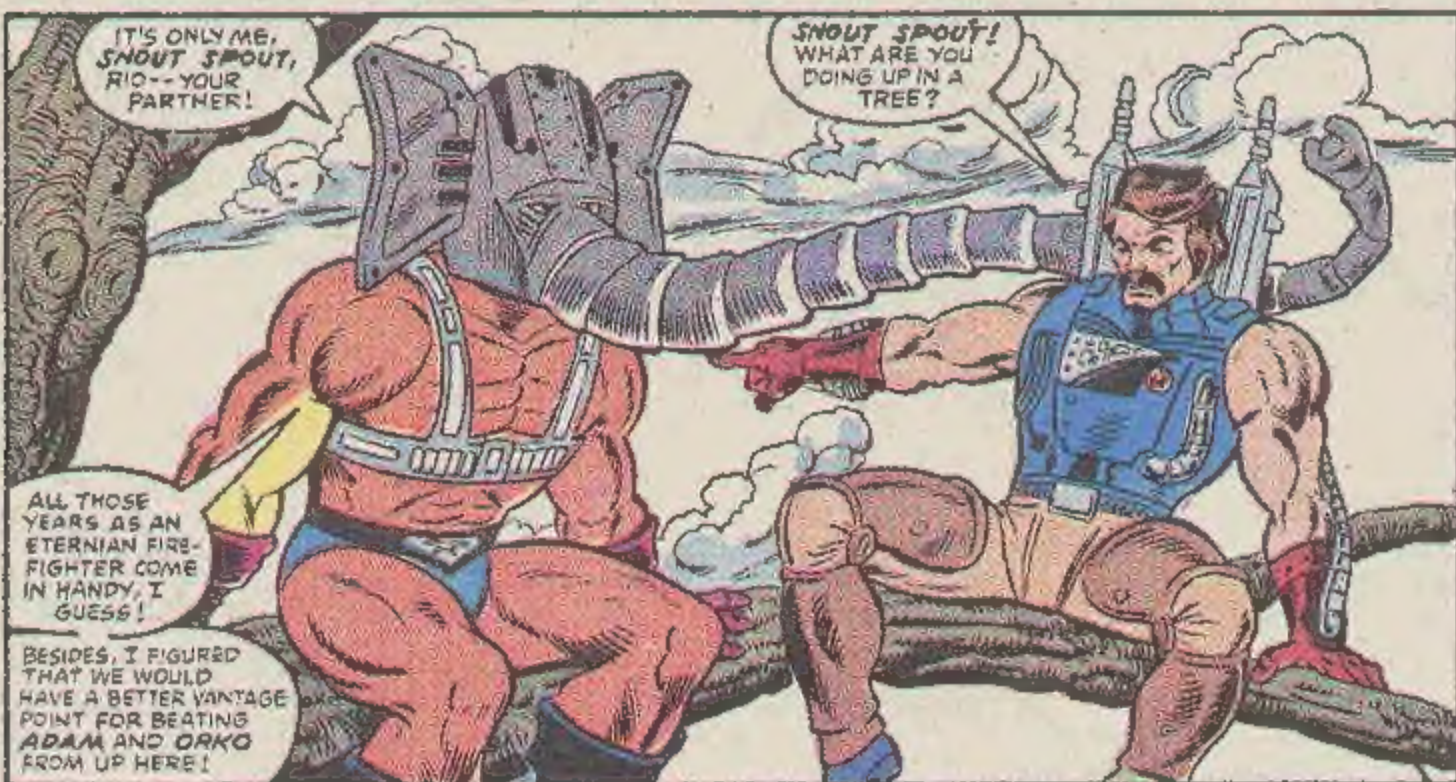
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WHAT YOU
THINK! YOU'RE
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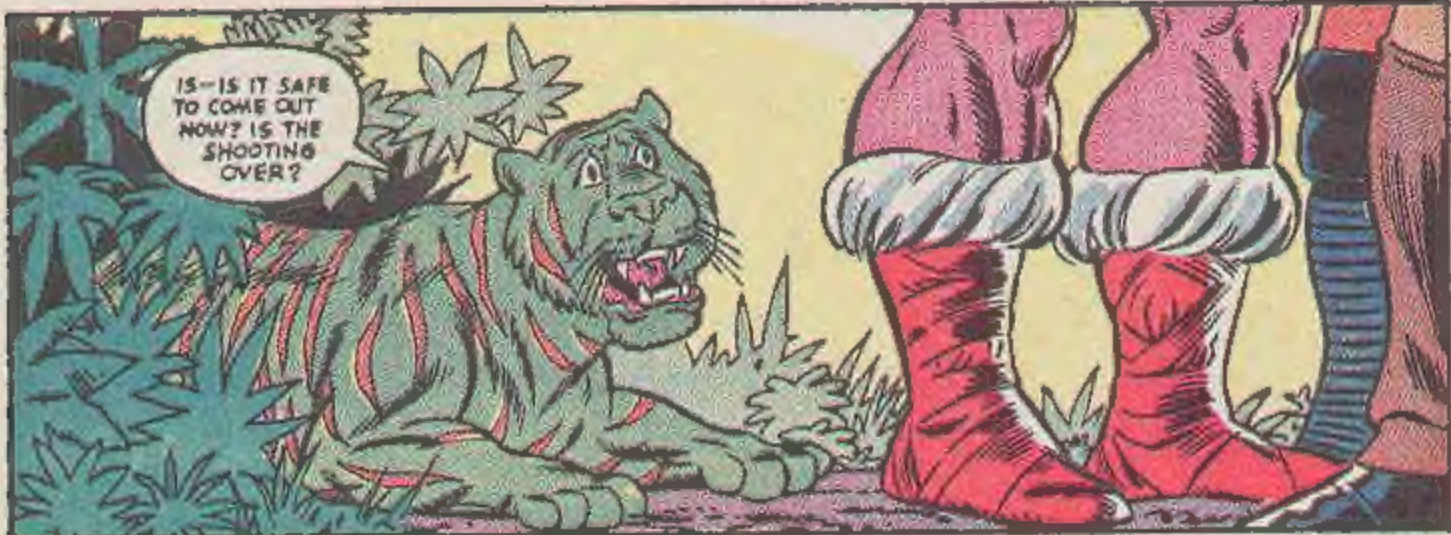
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IS--IS IT SAFE
TO COME OUT
NOW? IS THE
SHOOTING
OVER?



CRINGER,
YOU BIG
BABY-- THIS
WAS ONLY
FOOLING
AROUND!

HE'S RIGHT, OLD
FELLOW... NOBODY
WAS REALLY IN
ANY DANGER!

HA HA!

HA! HA!



POOR CRINGER... CAN YOU
IMAGINE BEING SO AFRAID
ALL THE TIME, RIO?

NOPE,
NOT
ME!

ANOTHER
CHILIPANIO PEPPER?
MAN ALIVE, RIO!
YOU'RE FUMIN'
THE WHOLE PLACE
UP!!



I LIKE PEPPERS! THEY GIVE ME THAT ADDED
OOMP! I NEED TO BE BETTER THAN BIG
DUMMIES LIKE YOU!

DUMMIES?! IF
YOU'RE SO GREAT,
I'LL RACE YOU
BACK TO THE
PALACE...

RIGHT
NOW!

YOU'RE
ON CHUM!

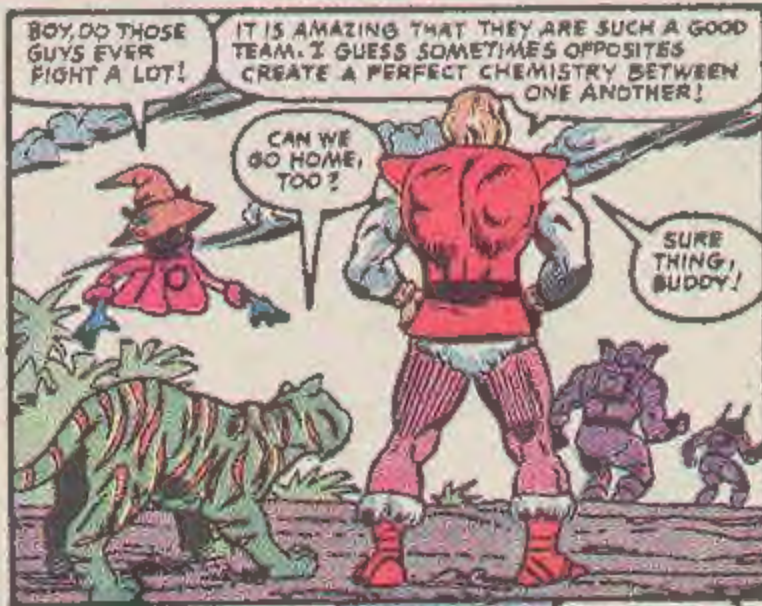


BOY, DO THOSE
GUYS EVER
FIGHT A LOT!

IT IS AMAZING THAT THEY ARE SUCH A GOOD
TEAM. I GUESS SOMETIMES OPPOSITES
CREATE A PERFECT CHEMISTRY BETWEEN
ONE ANOTHER!

CAN WE
GO HOME,
TOO?

SURE
THING,
BUDDY!



WHILE, AT THE HORRIFIC
SNAKE MOUNTAIN IN
A DECIDEDLY NASTIER PART
OF ETERNIA, THE EVIL
SKELETON PLOTS AND
SCHEMES...

I HATE
THEM! I
HATE THEM
ALL!

AND I'M GOING
TO PUT AN END
TO THEIR BOTHER-
SOME INTERFERENCE
ONCE AND FOR ALL!

ESPECIALLY
HE-MAN!!





YES, HE-MAN AND HIS ACCURSED FRIENDS! THEY HAVE RUINED MY PLANS TO TAKE OVER ETERNIA TIME AFTER TIME!

BUT TODAY SHALL COME THEIR DOWN-FALL!

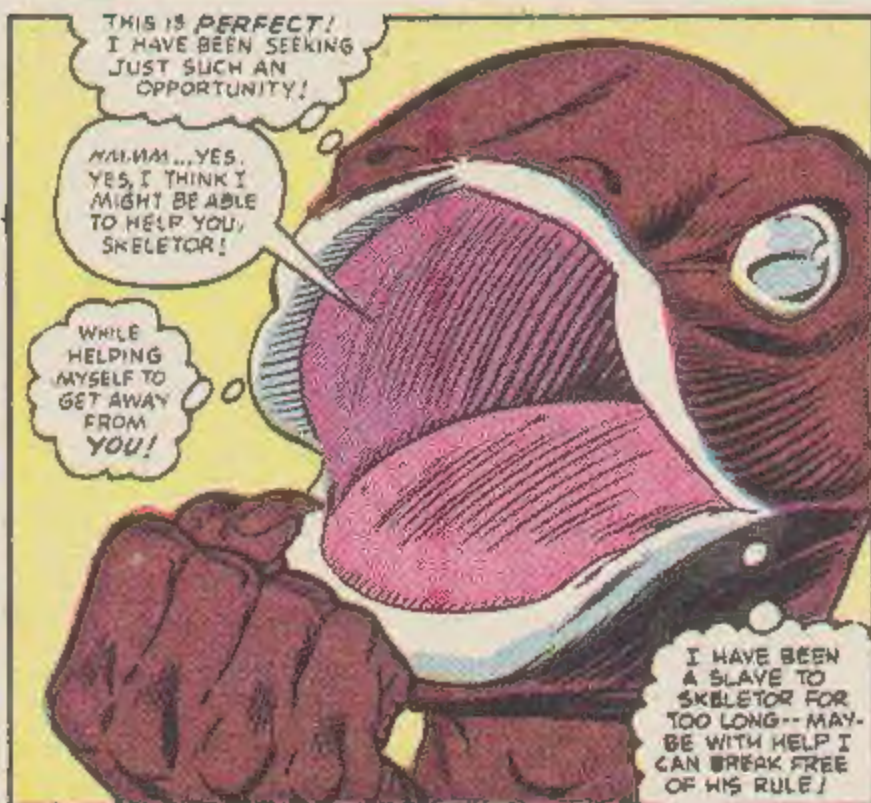
KHAN!
COME TO ME!
KOBRA
KHAN!



YOU CALLED, OH GREAT SKELETOR?

YES! I NEED TO FORMULATE A PLAN OF REVENGE ON HE-MAN--AND SINCE YOU ARE MY SNEAKIEST HENCHMAN YOU TO THINK OF ONE!

YOU FLATTER ME, SKELETOR!



THIS IS PERFECT! I HAVE BEEN SEEKING JUST SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY!

HA/HA...YES, YES, I THINK I MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP YOU, SKELETOR!

WHILE HELPING MYSELF TO GET AWAY FROM YOU!

I HAVE BEEN A SLAVE TO SKELETOR FOR TOO LONG--MAYBE WITH HELP I CAN BREAK FREE OF HIS RULE!



WELL, WHAT DO YOU HAVE IN MIND?

YOU MUST FOLLOW ME TO THE DEEPEST DUNGEONS IN THE VERY BOWELS OF SNAKE MOUNTAIN!

TO A DARKEN-ED PLACE EVEN YOU DO NOT KNOW EXISTS!!



FOR LOCKED DOWN THERE ARE THE VERY BEINGS THAT HAVE GIVEN SNAKE MOUNTAIN ITS NAME--

--TRAPPED EONS AGO BY THE ELDERS THEMSELVES!

THE INFAMOUS SNAKE MEN? FASCINATING.

IF I HAD KNOWN OF THESE SECRET PASSAGEWAYS I'D HAVE USED THE LEGENDARY SNAKE MEN SOONER.

KHAN KEPT THIS PLACE SECRET--PERHAPS HE IS MORE OF A SNAKE THAN I THOUGHT!

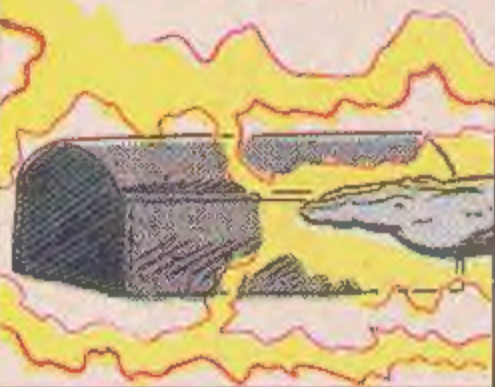


AH, YES! THERE IT LIES--WAITING FOR YOUR MYSTIC POWERS TO RELEASE ITS CONTENTS!

WHICH IN TURN WILL RELEASE ME FROM YOUR SERVICE!

EXCELLENT! STAND BACK! HEAR ME POWERS AT MY COMMAND SURGE DOWN TO ME AND TO MY HANDS!

FLOW FROM MY BODY
AND INTO THIS BOX
SQ BLACK--



--UNDO WHAT WAS
DONE A MILLION
YEARS BACK--



--GIVE THEM BACK
THE LIFE THEY
HAD THEN--



--AND BRING BEFORE
ME THE SLIMY
SNAKE MEN!

WE'RE ALIVE!
AFTER ALL THESE
CENTURIES KING
HISS AND HIS
SNAKE MEN
ARE ALIVE!

YES!
THANKS
TO THE
MAGICAL
MASTERY
OF
SKELETOR!

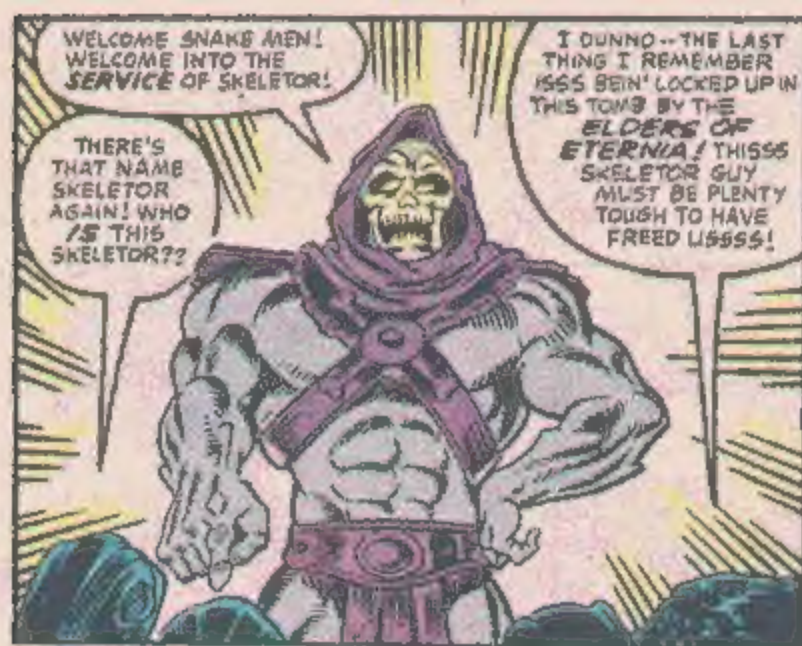
WHO?
WHO ARE YOU?!
YOU HAVE THE
LOOK OF A SNAKE
ABOUT YOU!

I AM **KOBRA KHAN** AND IT
WOULD HONOR
ME TO SERVE
WITH YOU AND
YOUR MEN!

I CAN'T
BELIEVE I'M
SAYING THIS--
BUT ANYTHING
TO ESCAPE **SKELETOR!**

VERY WELL,
YOU MAY JOIN
TUNG LASHOR,
RATTLOK AND
MYSELF IN OUR
CRUSADE AGAINST
THE
ELDERS!





WELCOME SNAKE MEN!
WELCOME INTO THE
SERVICE OF SKELETOR!

THERE'S
THAT NAME
SKELETOR
AGAIN! WHO
IS THIS
SKELETOR??

I DUNNO--THE LAST
THING I REMEMBER
ISSS BEIN' LOCKED UP IN
THIS TOMB BY THE
ELDERS OF
ETERNIA! THISSS
SKELETOR GUY
MUST BE PLENTY
TOUGH TO HAVE
FREED USSSS!



SURELY, RATTFLOR, YOU
DON'T THINK I SHOULD--

WAIT, SKELETOR'S
THE BOSS AROUND
HERE! PLEASE LISTEN
TO WHAT HE HAS TO
SAY...WE CAN REVOLT
LATER!

VERY WELL, I AM
NOT USED TO TAKING
ORDERS... BUT I
HAVE BEEN AWAY...
I WILL BIDE
MY TIME.



YOU MAY THANK
ME FOR RELEASING
YOU LATER... NOW
I HAVE A MORE
IMMEDIATE NEED
OF YOU!

GO TO THE EVERGREEN
FOREST AND LURE THE
ACCURSED HE-MAN
TO MY LAIR! I DON'T
CARE HOW YOU DO
IT, JUST DO IT!

HE-MAN! I HEARD THAT
NAME WHISPERED IN LEGEND--
HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE THE
MOST POWERFUL BEING
ON ANY WORLD!

THEN IT IS
GOOD WE WAITED--WE WILL
GET THIS HE-MAN
AND WE WILL
FORCE HIM TO
JOIN US! WITH
HIS POWER ON
OUR SIDE,
SKELETOR
WON'T STAND
A CHANCE!

HURRY, I KNOW
WHAT HE-MAN AND HIS
FRIENDS LOOK LIKE!

WHAT HAVE I
GOTTEN MYSELF INTO??



SO, YOU SEE, ORKO,
SNOUT SPOUT AND RIO
BLAST COMPLEMENT
EACH OTHER PERFECTLY.
ONE'S STRENGTHS
ADDING TO THE
OTHER'S, MAKING
THEM AN ALMOST
PERFECT TEAM.

BUT THEY ARGUE
SO MUCH--I'M
CONFUSED!

AND I'M
SCARED. DO YOU GUYS
HEAR THAT RUSTLING
IN THE BUSHES?



OH, CRINGER!
YOU'RE SUCH
A BIG--

EEYAA!
L-L-LOOK!

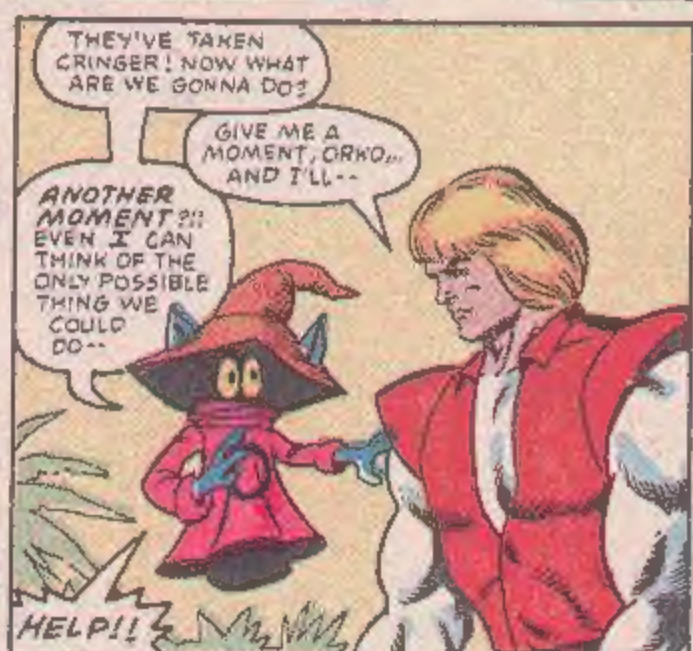
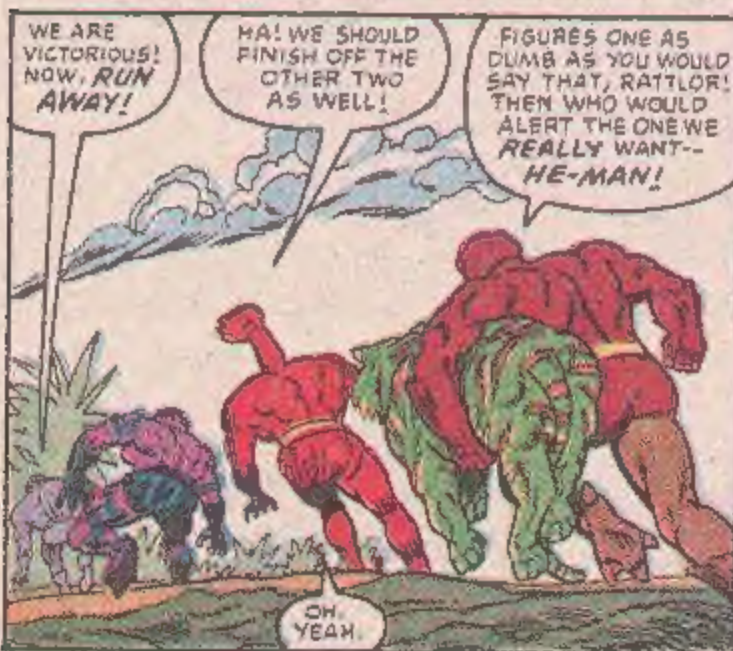
YOU HAVE
GONE FAR
ENOUGH,
ETERNIANS!

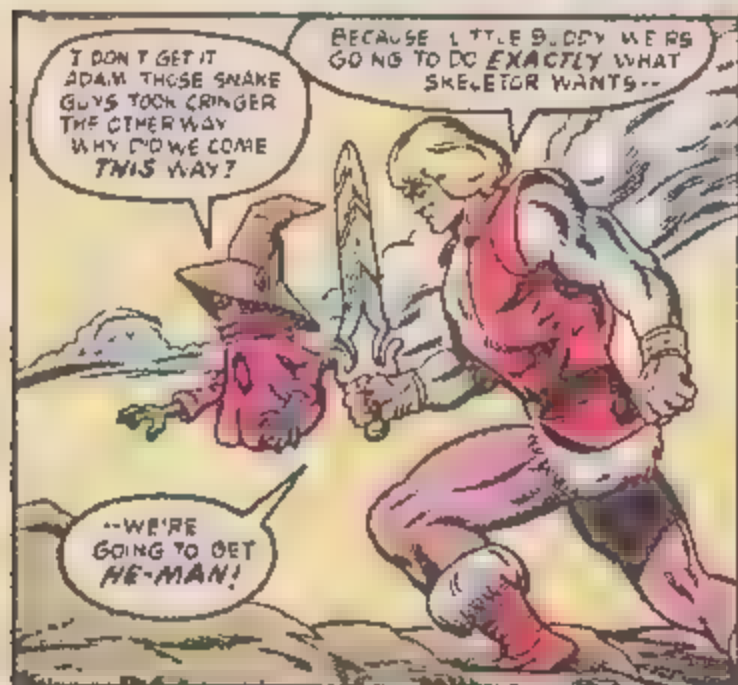
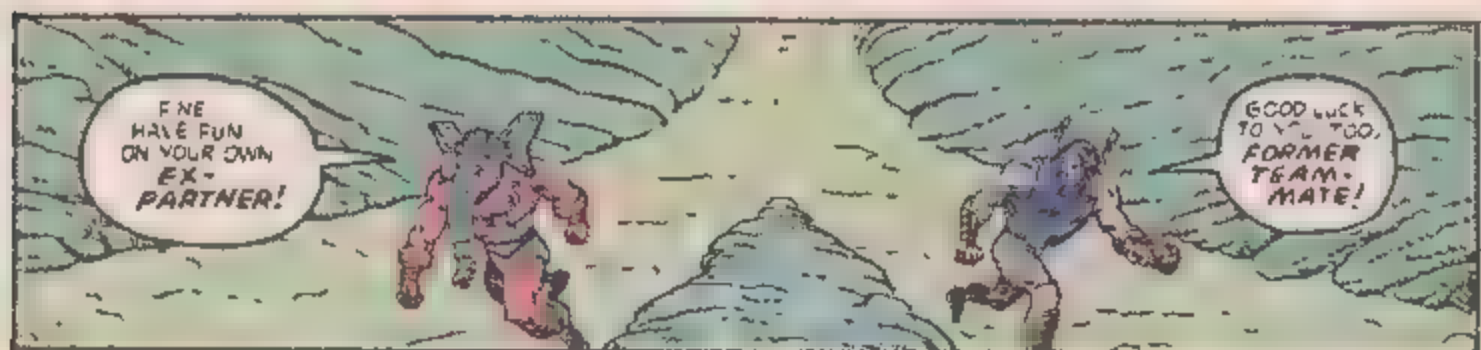
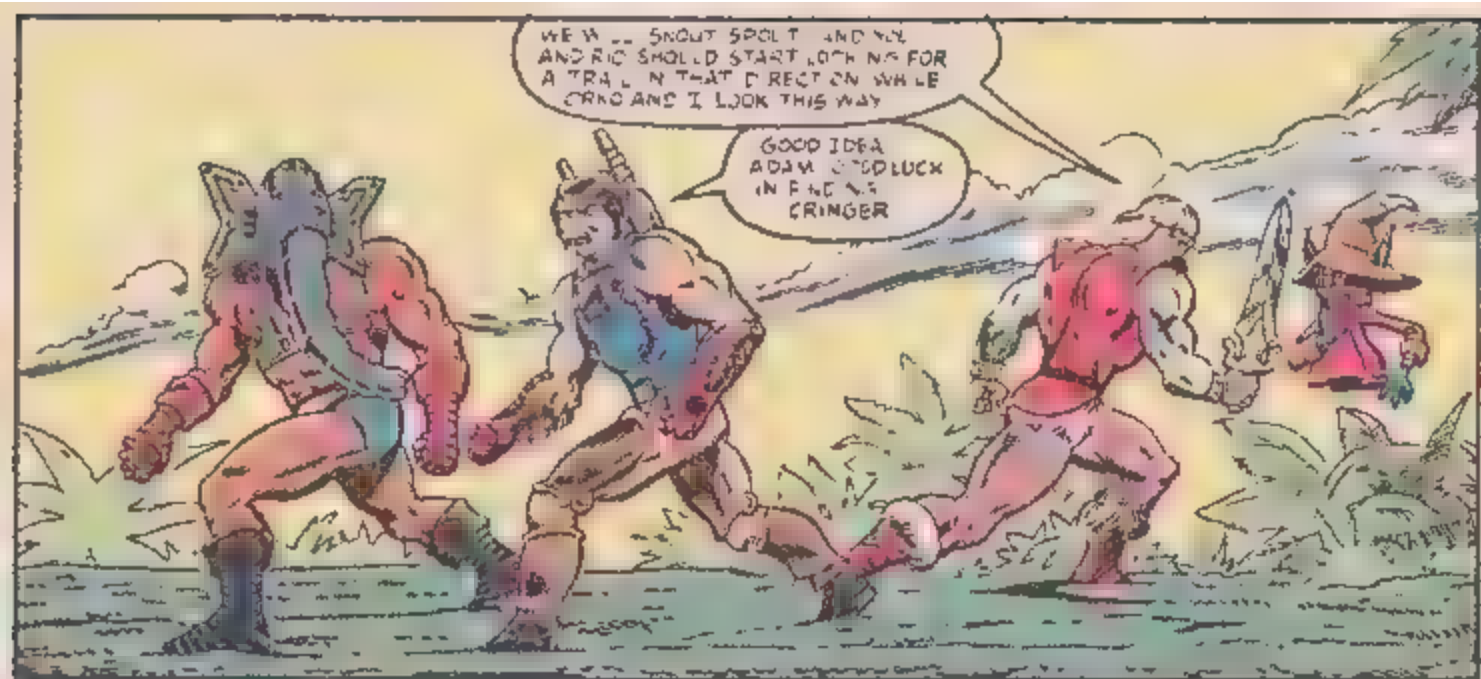
SNAKE
MEN!



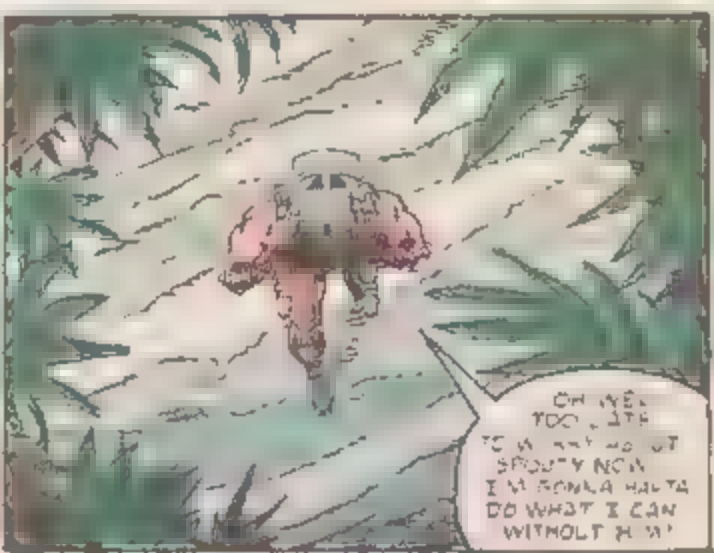
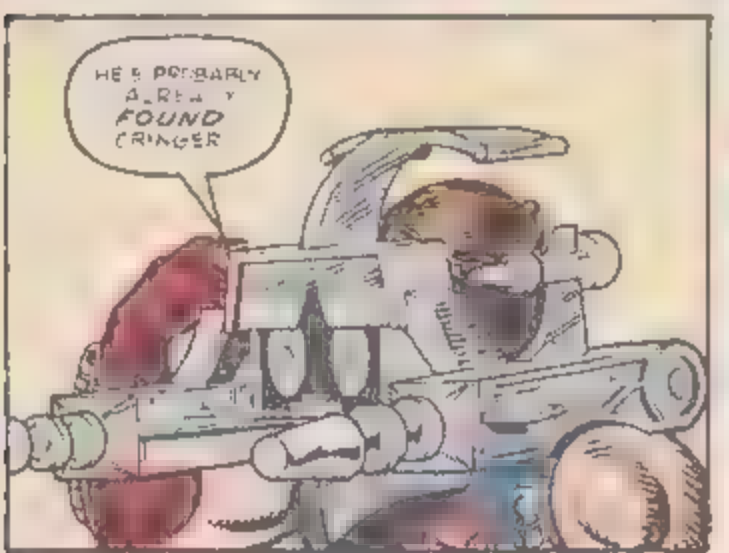
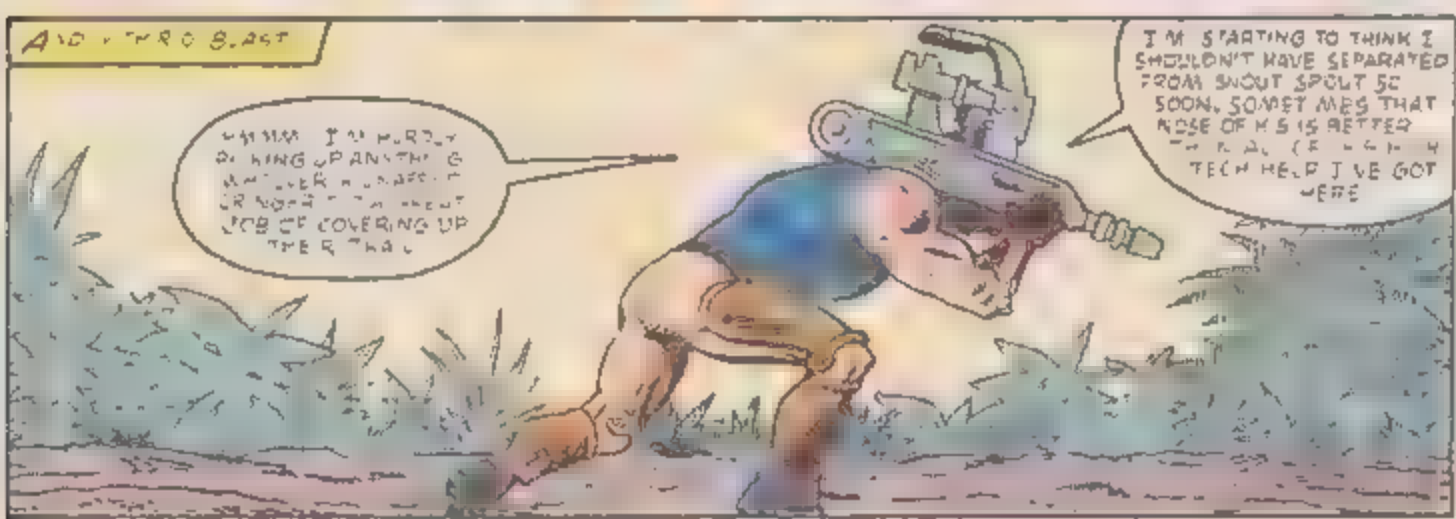
WHY ARE YOU JUST
STANDING THERE,
ADAM?? CHANGE
INTO YOU-KNOW-
WHO!!

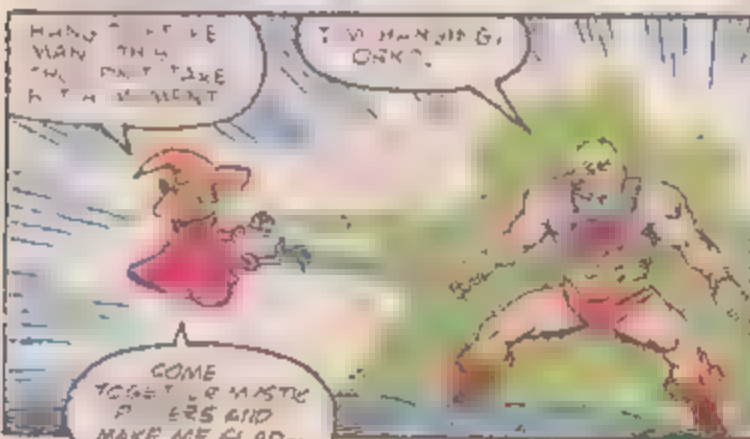
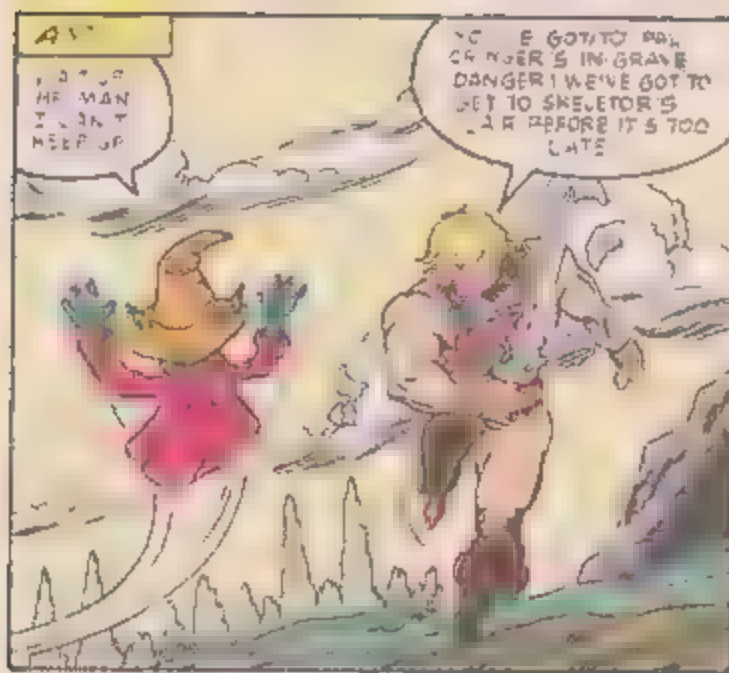
NO CAN DO.
ORKO--NOT
HERE, IN
FRONT OF
STRANGERS!

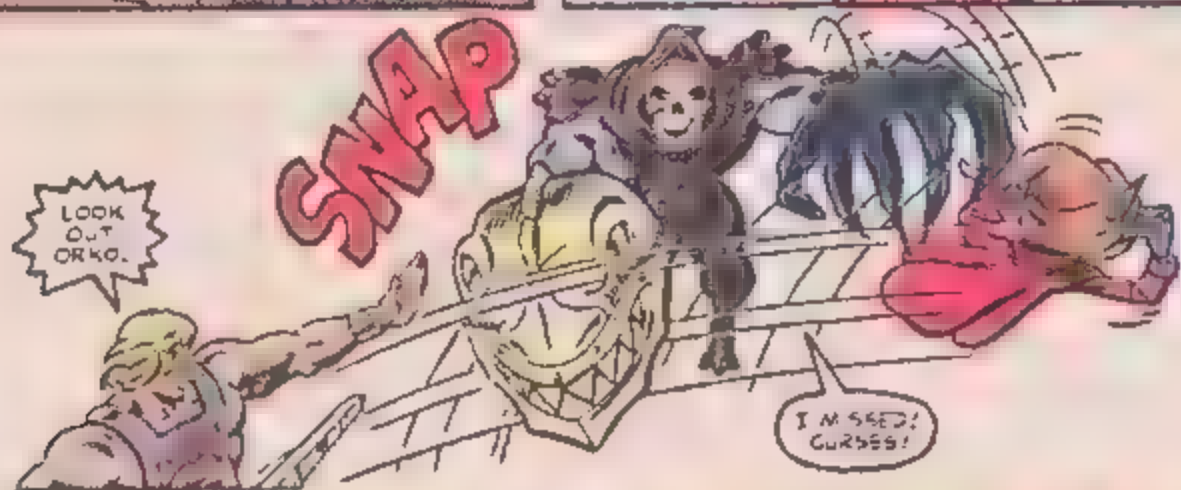
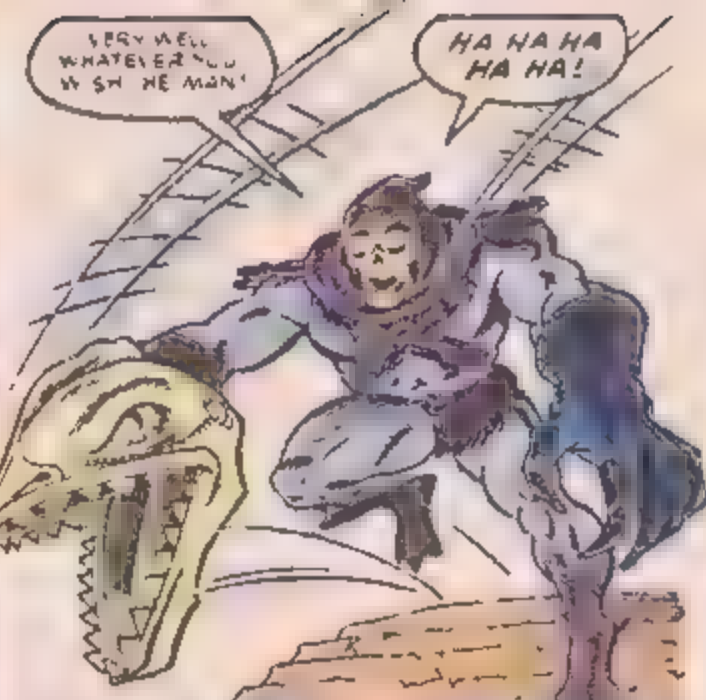


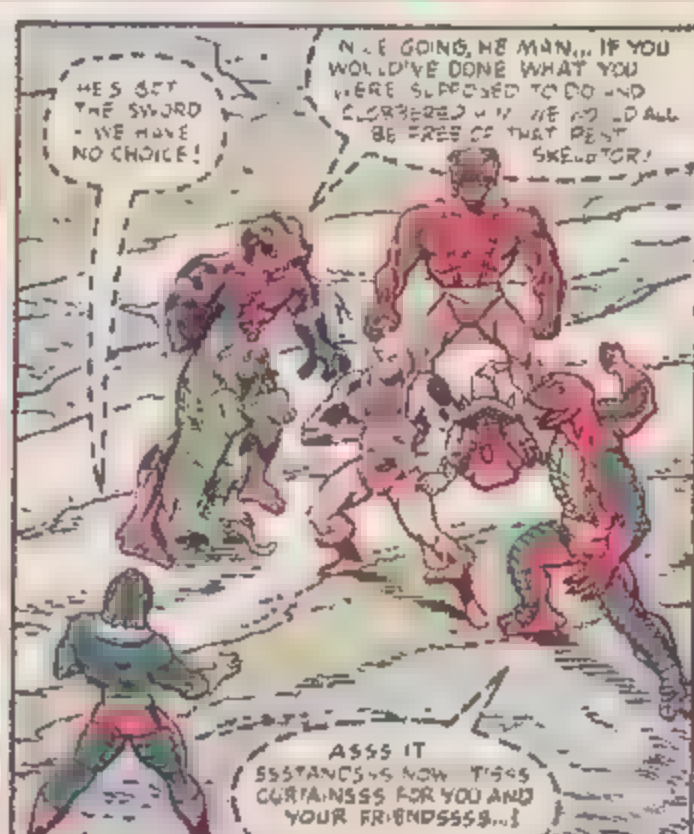
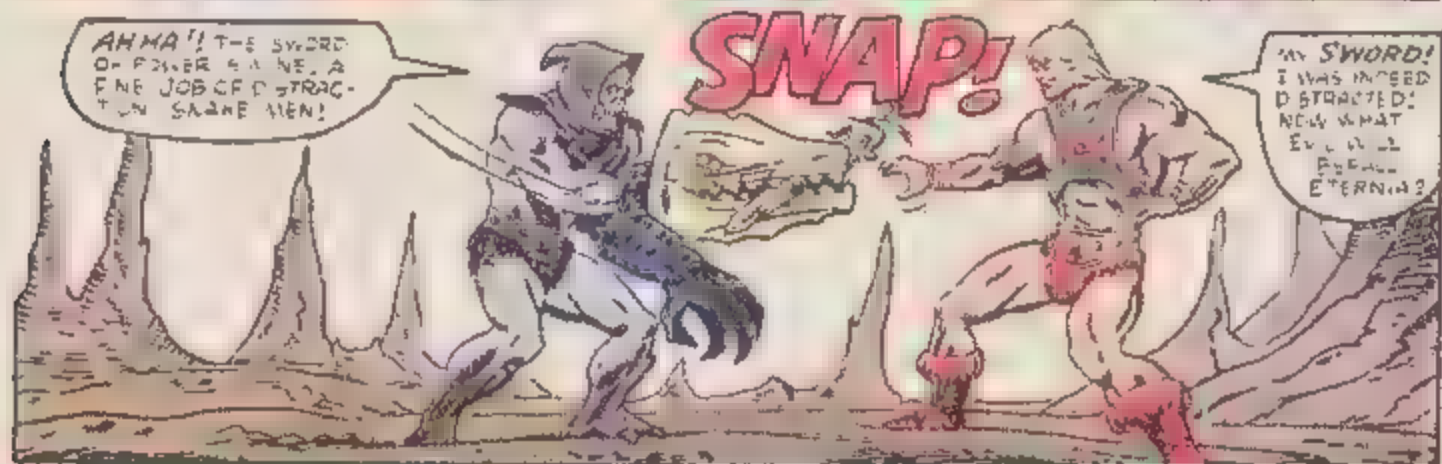
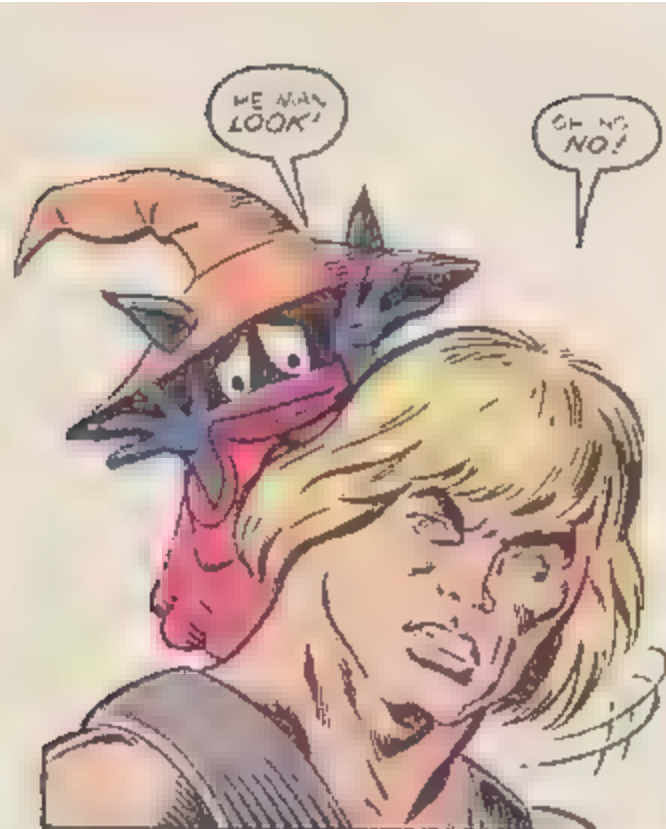












ELSEWHERE

IT'S NO
USE CRNGERS
ANYWHERE TO
BE FOUND AT
LEAST NOT
BY MY-
SELF!

WTF A V NOTE WHAT'S THIS
MY JUMBO EARS ARE
PICKING UP? SOUNDS LIKE
CRNGER--WHINING!

I HAVEN'T
A MOMENT TO
LOSE SNOOT
SPOUT IS ON
THE WAY!

EVEN MORE ELSEWHERE

DARN! I MUST VE
LOOKED BEHND EVERY
ROCK ON STERNIA FOR
THAT CRNGER -AND
STILL NOTHING! GUESS
I AIN'T SO GREAT ON
MY OWN!

HOLD ON I'D
KNOW THAT SOUND
ANYWHERE IT'S
CRNGER--WHINING!

BETTER HURRY--
RID BLAST IS
ON THE WAY!

WAIT, MEN!
I HEAR OTHERS
APPROACHING!

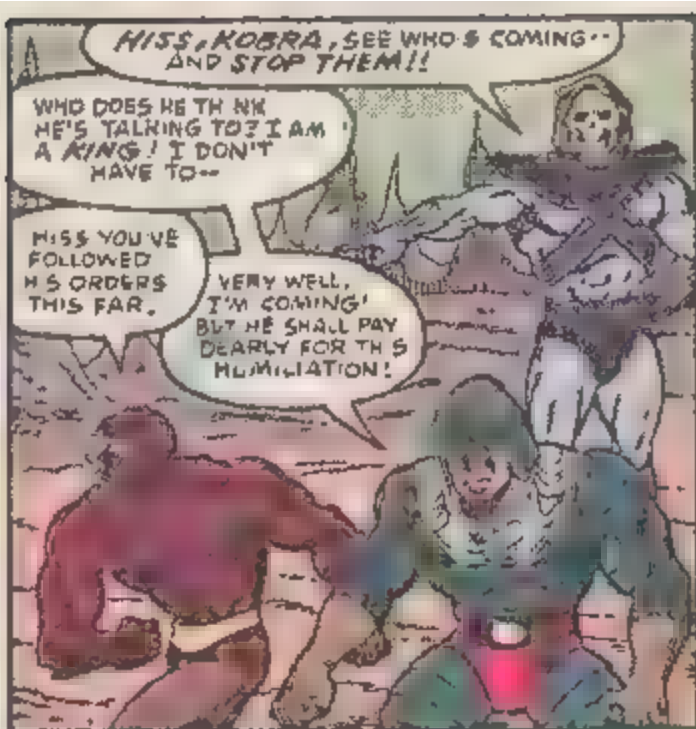


HISS, KOBRA, SEE WHO'S COMING--
AND STOP THEM!!

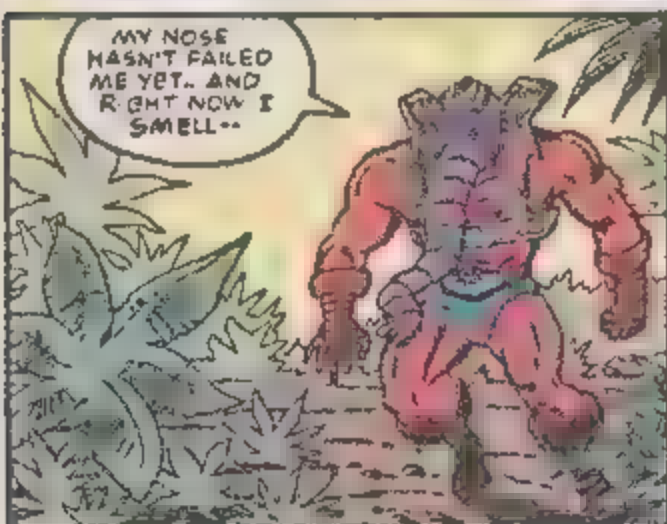
WHO DOES HE THINK
HE'S TALKING TO? I AM
A KING! I DON'T
HAVE TO--

HISS YOU'VE
FOLLOWED
HIS ORDERS
THIS FAR.

VERY WELL,
I'M COMING!
BUT HE SHALL PAY
DEARLY FOR THIS
HUMILIATION!



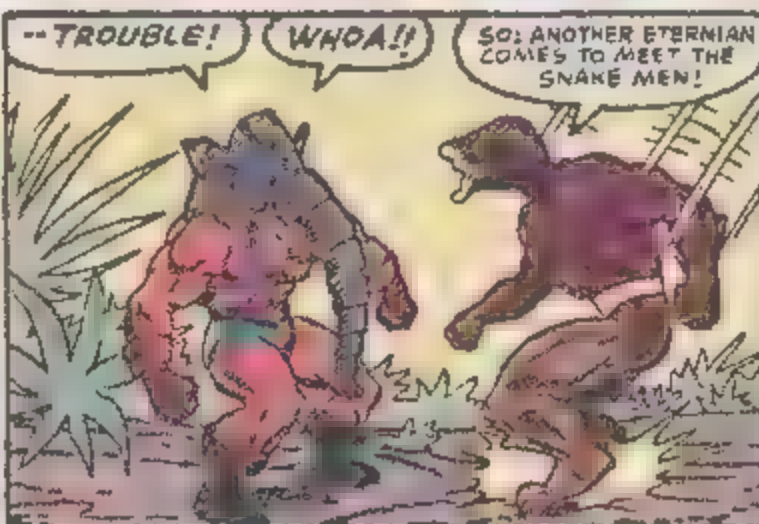
MY NOSE
HASN'T FAILED
ME YET. AND
RIGHT NOW I
SMELL--



--TROUBLE!

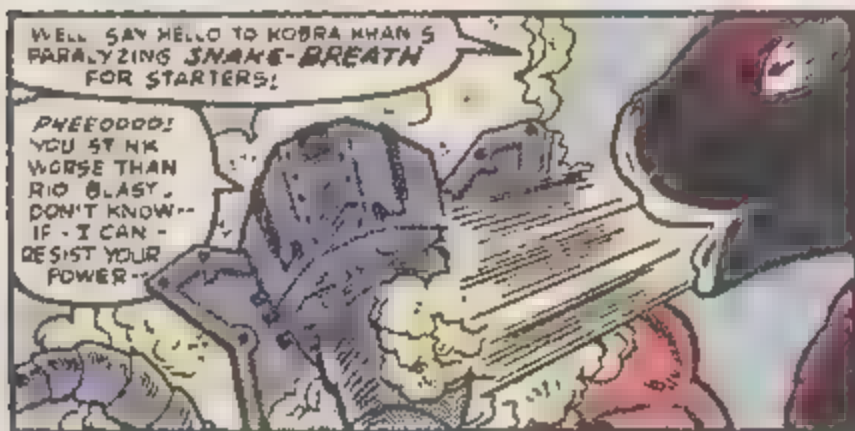
WHOA!!

SO: ANOTHER ETERNIAN
COMES TO MEET THE
SNAKE MEN!

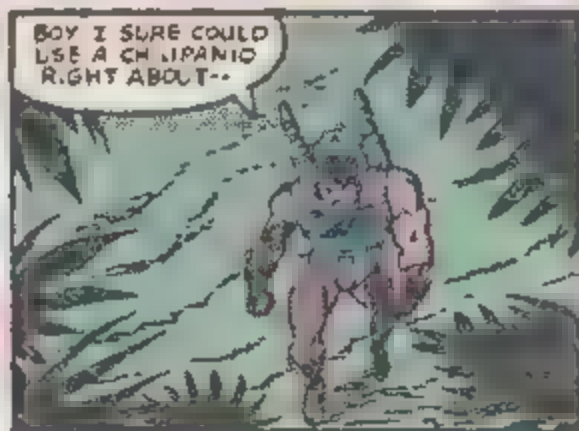


WE'LL SAY HELLO TO KOBRA KHAN'S
PARALYZING SNAKE-BREATH
FOR STARTERS!

PHEEODD!
YOU SINK
WORSE THAN
RIO BLAST.
DON'T KNOW--
IF I CAN--
RESIST YOUR
POWER--



BOY I SURE COULD
USE A CHILIPANIO
RIGHT ABOUT--



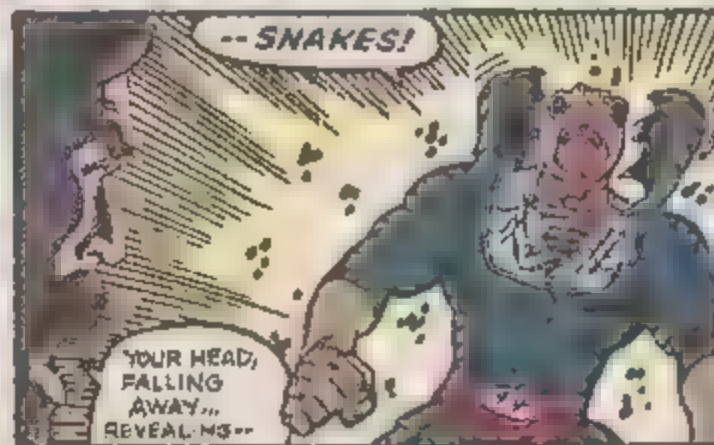
HOLY MACKEREL!
WHO--OR WHAT
ARE YOU??

I AM KING HISS,
KING OF ALL--



--SNAKES!

YOUR HEAD,
FALLING
AWAY...
REVEAL ME--



FIVE
SNAKES!

HA HA HA

NOT ONE,
BUT...
FIVE!!





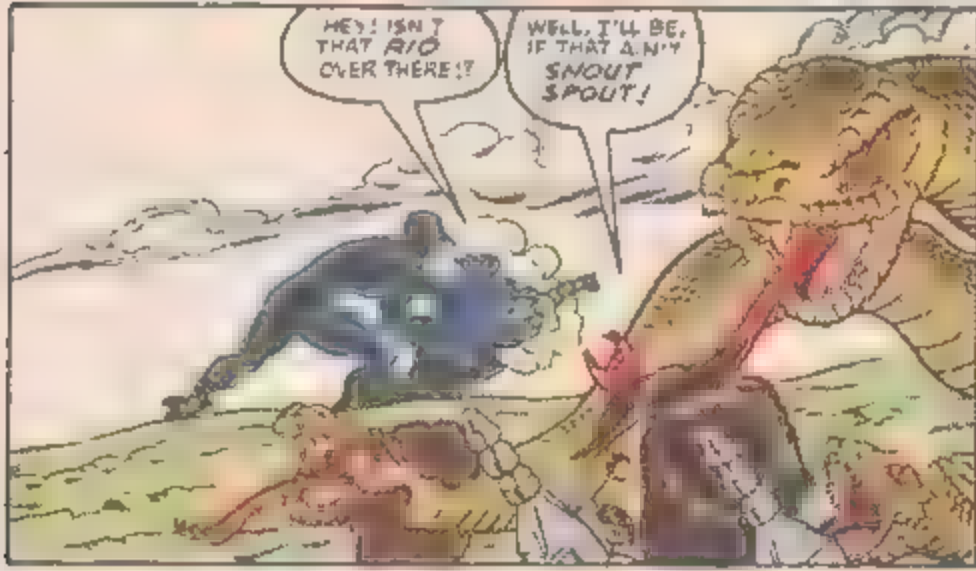
CAN'T GET OFF THE EFFECTS OF THIS GUY'S IMMOBILIZING BREATH

I'M GOING TO FAIL!



THIS IS MY WORST FEAR COME TO LIFE.

IF I WAS ANYTHING BUT SNAKES I WOULDN'T FAIL!



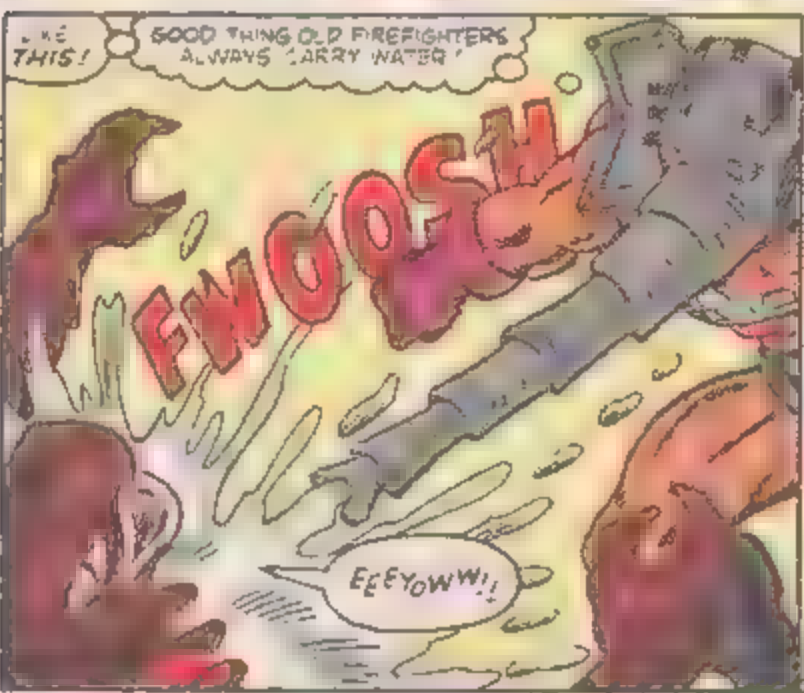
HEY! ISN'T THAT RIO OVER THERE!?

WELL, I'LL BE, IF THAT AIN'T SNAOUT SPOUT!



I CAN'T LET RIO SEE THIS GUY WHIP ME! MAYBE IF I CAN GET MY EARS TO FLOP DOWN

DID IT! I AM DOING THIS DAZZLING BEST! NOW I BETTER DO SOMETHING QUICK!!



WE THIS! GOOD THING OLD FIREFIGHTERS ALWAYS CARRY WATER

FWOOSH!

EEYOWW!!

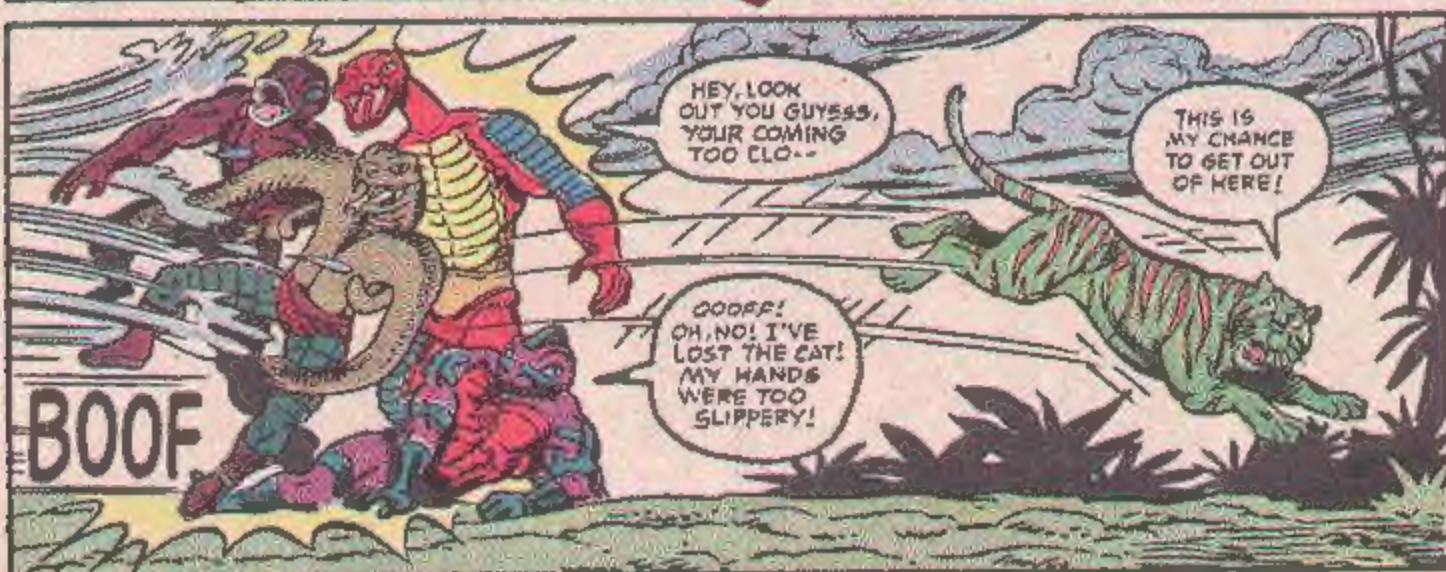


A SPOUTY SEEN ME CRASHING IN FRONT OF THIS BARN I'VE NEVER SEEN THE END OF BETTER DO SOMETHING QUICK!

LIKE THIS!

BEEYOW!!

AARRGGH!!



YES!

FINISH HIM
OFF, HE-MAN!

A TEMPTING
IDEA, ORKO...
BUT...

HE'S STALLING
AGAIN! HE NEVER
ENDS OUR CON-
FLICTS! CURSE
YOU, HE-MAN!

TUNG LASHOR,
GET THAT SWORD
BACK TO ME! I
MUST HAVE
IT!

YOU'RE THE BOSS,
I GUESS, SKELETOR!

EVEN THOUGH I
CAN'T TELL WHETHER
OR NOT WE'RE REALLY
ON THE SAME
SIDE!

BE WARNED,
SNAKE MAN, THE
SWORD DOES NOT
TAKE KINDLY--

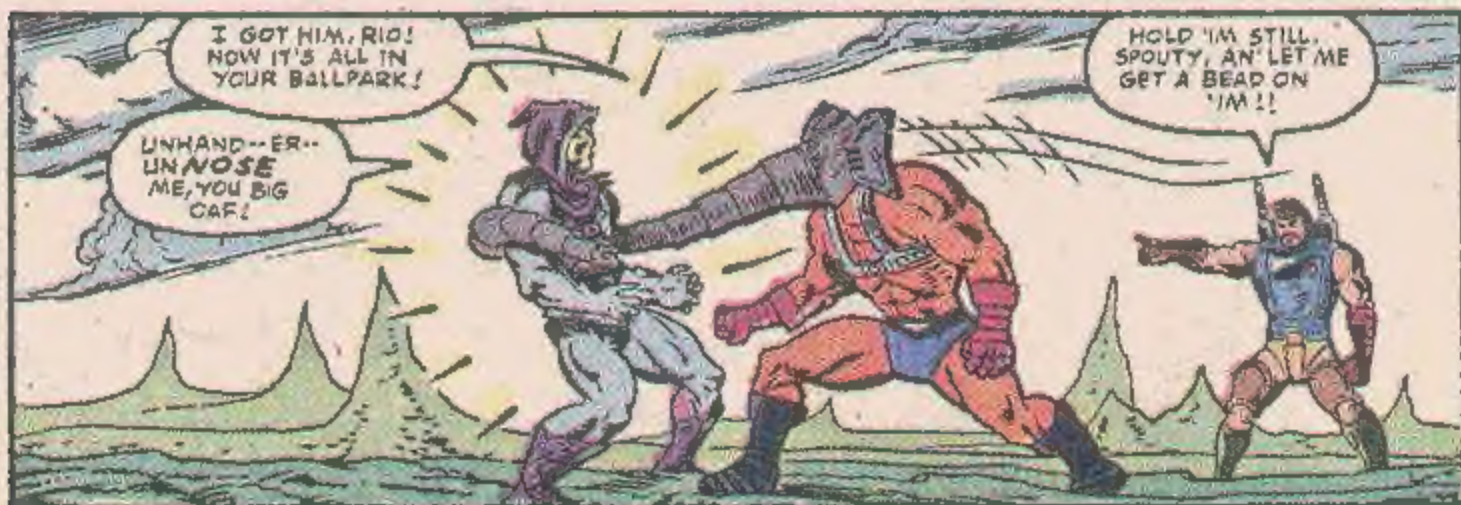
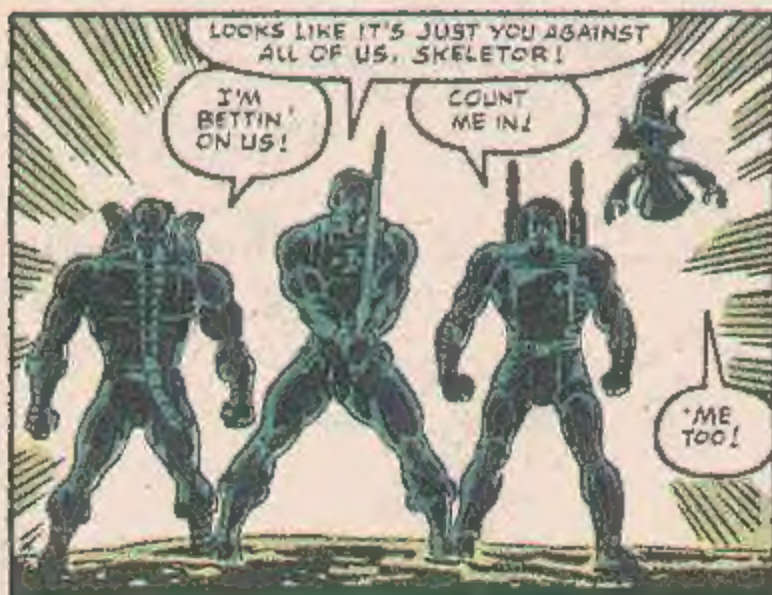
ZAP!

--TO BEING
TOUCHED!

EEYOWW!!

WELL, I WARNED
HIM--ALMOST!

ANYONE ELSE
WANT TO TRY TO
TAKE MY SWORD
AWAY AGAIN,
HMM??





OKAY, ETERNIANS,
YOU WIN ANOTHER
ONE! BUT I WILL
RETURN AGAIN...
AND AGAIN...
AND AGAIN...



--UNTIL ONE DAY I
SHALL REIGN
SUPREME
HAHAHAHA!

ULP!
WHERE'D
HE GO?



WHY DIDN'T YOU HOLD HIM STILL! I HAD HIM IN
MY SIGHTS! MAN, DID YOU BLOW THAT!

I BLEW IT? IT
WAS YOUR
BREATH THAT
SENT HIM
RUNNING!

MY
BREATH?
HA! IT
WAS
YOUR
FAULT!

YOU AIN'T
FINNING
THIS ONE
ON ME--
YOU SCARED
HIM AWAY,
NOT ME!!



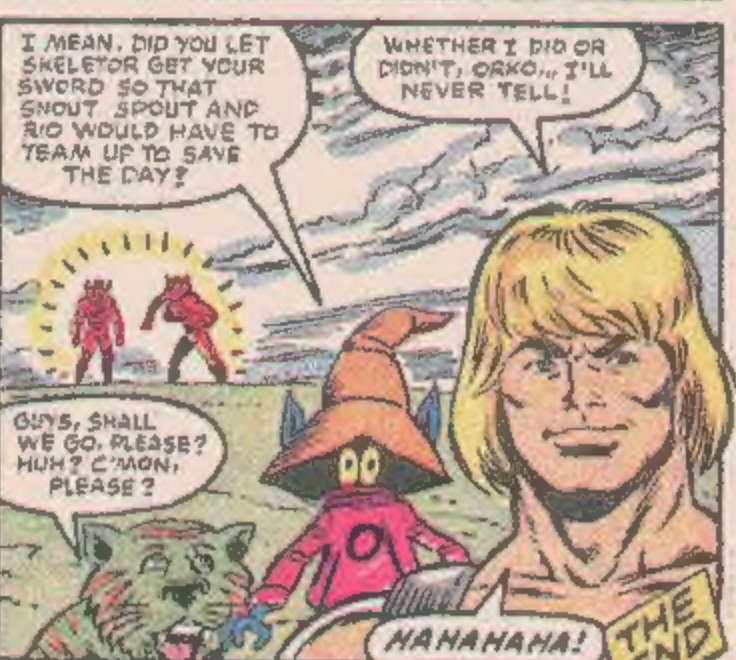
OH, NO!
HERE WE
GO AGAIN!

SAY, COULD
I INTEREST ANYONE
IN GOING HOME--WHERE
IT'S SAFE AND I DON'T
HAVE TO WORRY
ABOUT BEING
KIDNAPPED
AGAIN?



HEY, HE-MAN... DID YOU
KNOW THAT THOSE TWO
WOULD GET IT TOGETHER
TODAY OR WHAT?

WHY, WHAT-
EVER DO YOU
MEAN, ORKO?



I MEAN, DID YOU LET
SKELETOR GET YOUR
SWORD SO THAT
SNOUT SPOUT AND
RIG WOULD HAVE TO
TEAM UP TO SAVE
THE DAY?

WHETHER I DID OR
DIDN'T, ORKO... I'LL
NEVER TELL!

GUYS, SHALL
WE GO, PLEASE?
HUH? C'MON,
PLEASE?

HAHAHAHA!

**THE
END**

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